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COAST GUARD FOR POLAD

1. CEASE-FIRE STABILIZATION: SENIOR ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICERS MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO IRON OUT IMPLEMENTATION OF CEASE-FIRE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT SIGNED NOVEMBER 11. MEETING ENDED AT 0850 HOURS EST; WE HAVE AS YET NO REPORT OF RESULTS. GOI LINE ON CEASE-FIRE SEEMS REFLECTED, AS FAR AS EGYPTIAN FRONT CONCERNED, BY GENERAL YARIV'S COMMENT AFTER YESTERDAY'S SIGNING: QUOTE WE HAVE TAKEN FIRST STEP ON LONG AND DIFFICULT ROAD THAT LEADS TO SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO PEACE WITH THEM UNQUOTE. ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SYRIAN SECRET

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FRONT IS ILLUSTRATED BY MRS. MEIR'S STATEMENT IN LONDON THAT THE SITUATION WITH SYRIA REMAINED QUOTE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS UNQUOTE. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE SHE ATTRIBUTED THIS DANGER TO DISCOVERY THAT SYRIAN TROOPS HAD EXECUTED

NUMBERS OF ISRAELI POW'S AND DEMANDED SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN CONFORMITY WITH GENEVA CONVENTION. (AT THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN, AN ACRIMONIOUS EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL DEBATE ON POW TREATMENT ENDED IN 62-18 VOTE AGAINST ISRAELI RESOLUTION ACCUSING ARABS OF TORTURING ISRAEL POW'S.) ALTHOUGH ALLOWING THAT PATIENCE AND HONEST NEGOTIATION COULD ACHIEVE FULL SETTLEMENT, MRS. MEIR STRESSED NEED FOR SWIFT LIFTING OF BAB EL-MANDEB BLOCKADE. QUOTE: IT IS INCONCEIVEABLE THAT THIS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY GENUINE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT UNQUOTE. MRS. MEIR ALSO SAID HER INTERPRETATION OF UNSC RESOLUTION AND CEASE-FIRE PACT DOES NOT RPT NOT EXCLUDE PRESENCE OF OUTSIDE POWERS SUCH AS US AND SOVIETS. SHE OPPOSED FORMATION OF NEW PALESTINIAN STATE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN, DESCRIBING ANY SUCH STATE AS QUOTE A SPEARHEAD AGAINST ISRAEL UNQUOTE.

2. UNEF/UNTSO: UNSYG WALDHEIM PROPOSES TO APPOINT FINNISH GENERAL SIILASVUO PERMANENT COMMANDER OF UNEF, REPLACING HIM AS CHIEF OF UNTSO WITH HIS LONG-TIME DEPUTY, IRISH COLONEL BUNWORTH. A SWEDE WILL REPLACE BUNWORTH, WHO HAD BEEN SLATED FOR REASSIGNMENT HOME, IN FEBRUARY 1974. ASSUMING RUSSIANS HAVE NOW COMPLETED THEIR AIRLIFT OF FINNS AND AUSTRIAN S AND WITH ADDITIONAL CANADIANS ARRIVING EVERY DAY, UNEF NOW IN EGYPT NUMBERS SOME 2047 MEN REPRESENTING FIVE NATIONALITIES (FINNISH, SWEDISH, CANADIAN, AUSTRIAN, AND IRISH). FIRST OF 200-MAN POLISH CONTINGENT OF ENGINEERING TROOPS IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK, AND WE ALSO EXPECT UN FORMALLY TO REQUEST US AND USSR TO BEGIN AIRLIFTING CONTINGENTS FROM GHANA, INDONESIA, PANAMA, PERU, AND NEPAL SOMETIME THIS WEEK. WHEN SECOND WAVE OF INSERTIONS IS COMPLETE, UNEF WILL NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 5300 OF ITS 7000-MAN TARGET STRENGTH. IN MEANTIME, WE CONTINUE TO ASSIST UN WITH REQUESTS IT HAS MADE FOR EQUIPMENT AIRLIFT. TWO USAF C-130'S WILL BE FLYING C-RATIONS AND SANDBAG BAGS FROM PISA TO CAIRO ON NOV. 14, US ARMY PROVIDING 2100 MAP SETS DIRECTLY TO UN HEAD-SECRET

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QUARTERS NEW YORK AND IS RESPONDING TO UN REQUEST FOR SOME 8000 MOSQUITO NETS; USAF IS PREPARING TO LIFT 100,000 POUNDS OF UN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO CAIRO.

3. PALESTINIANS: BEIRUT DAILY AN-NAHAR REPORTS DELEGATION OF TOP PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE LEADERS NOW IN MOSCOW ARE THERE BECAUSE SOVIETS WANT RESISTANCE MOVEMENT TO UNIFY ITS STAND ON QUESTION OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE. PAPER SAYS SOVIET ENVOY WHO INVITED PALESTINIANS TO MOSCOW DID NOT RPT NOT ALSO INVITE THEM TO ATTEND PEACE CONFERENCE, BUT THAT THERE WILL BE QUOTE IMPORTANT POLITICAL SURPRISE DURING THE

VISIT UNQUOTE.

4. SAUDI ARABIA: JIDDA REPORTS THAT SAUDI FOREIGN
MINISTER SAQQAF HAS PUBLICLY ASSERTED STRONG SUPPORT FOR
SECRETARY'S EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. RUSH

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